

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Nevada Charter School Program Grant (NCSP)

Dissemination Subgrant

- 1. Can the NCSP Dissemination Subgrant funds be used to hire employees for a year as part of a training program to learn the overall administrative, fiscal, and academic program of our charter school with the goal of these individuals opening another charter school with our program in another location?**

Yes. Under the federal CSP [Nonregulatory Guidance](#), dissemination activities may include such activities as “assisting other individuals with the planning and start-up of one or more new public schools, including charter schools, that are *independent of the assisting charter school and its developers* and that agree to be held to at least as high a level of accountability as the assisting charter school” (Section B-5). However, the subgrant applicant would have to do a good job of demonstrating that it is a dissemination project that is designed to help other schools open. The application would need to specifically spell out the proposed training program, and provide sufficiently clear descriptions of exactly what the school was offering as training to make sure it wasn’t just using subgrant funds to hire new staff.

- 2. Can a nonprofit charter management organization (CMO) located in another state, without a school open in the State of Nevada apply for a Dissemination Subgrant in Nevada?**

No. Dissemination Subgrants are for schools that have been chartered in the State of Nevada for a minimum of three years, with successful academic, financial, and organizational records. The school itself needs to be applying for the dissemination subgrant not the CMO organization. Therefore, if a CMO does not currently have a school in Nevada, they could not disseminate best practices to Nevada schools. While their charter school model might be effective in another state, it may not be in Nevada. The CMO would not be eligible for a Dissemination Subgrant until the charter school is open and operational, with a track record of proven results in the state. All of the NCSP subgrants need to be associated with a specific school in Nevada.